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Plan adopted

at Interdenominational meeting in Utah

February, 1914.

"I. There shall be a Utah Interdenominational Commission, composed of two persons appointed by the State organization officially representing each religious body co-operating, only those being eligible to membership who are not receiving salary or other grant from any supporting Board. A Secretary of each supporting national Board shall be ex officio a member of this Commission, and shall attend the meetings whenever practicable. The Commissions shall hold at least one stated meeting each year, when general policies of co-operative work in the state shall come under advisement, sums to be used in the co-operative work shall be determined, and such other duties shall be discharged as are herein proposed or as shall be jointly assigned by the co-operating religious bodies and their several national Home Mission Boards.

II. There shall be a Utah Home Missions Workers Council, composed of four workers chosen by each religious body cooperating. This Council shall hold not less than two stated meetings each year. It shall promote cooperative work in the field, advise in the adjustment of difference, arrange for the effective use of funds assigned to the cooperative budget, and increase by all practicable means the efficiency of the work of all the cooperating agencies throughout the state. This Council shall perform other duties herein proposed or later assigned by mutual agreement of the cooperating agencies.

III. There shall be an Annual Utah Workers Institute of three or more days' duration. The program and general direction of the Institute shall be in charge of the Commission and Council, and shall be of an educational character designed to inspire and train workers for efficient service. Each ordained minister, mission school teacher, or other worker may be enrolled as a member of the Institute. It is agreed that his or her necessary expenses of attendance upon the Annual Meeting should be paid and by such methods as each denomination may adopt.

IV. The Annual Meeting of the Commission and one of the semi-annual meetings of the Council shall be held at the place and immediately preceding the date of the Annual Workers Institute and one or more joint sessions of Commission and Council shall be held. Action of the Council affecting established Home Mission policies, enlargement of cooperative budgets, or the relation of denominations shall be undertaken only after the concurrence of the Commission.

V. It is agreed that this plan does not contemplate the curtailing of denominational autonomy, nor encroach upon the prerogative of the ecclesiastical bodies cooperating, except as herein provided, or as such and all may later agree.

VI. The support and supervision of denominational work shall be provided for by the recognized agencies of each religious body cooperating, it being contemplated that denominational initiative and enterprise shall be increased, the fullest economy and efficiency of each being gained by cooperation.

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Walter W. McKirahan, Ph. D., - - Principal

November 17, 1915

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Miss Edith Grier Long,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Miss Long:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your notification of my appointment as a member of the Utah Home Mission Worker's Council. I shall be glad to serve in the capacity designated. I have just been informed that the first joint meeting of the Commission and Council has been called for next week. In this connection, am I to understand that my expenses, incurred by attending these meetings, are to be paid, and if so, what plan will be followed for paying them?

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

W. W. McKirahan

Principal.

WWM/ML

The organization meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission was held in the study of the Rev. L. S. Bowerman D. D. Salt Lake City, on Tuesday Novenber 23rd at 2 P. M.

Dr. Bowerman called the meeting to order.

Nominations for chairman were called for and Dr. Bowerman was nominated and on motion was elected. The Rev. S. R. Colladgy was nominated and elected secretary.

The members of the Commission present were Dr. Bowerman, Baptist, Bishop Jones and Dean Colladay, Episcopalians; Dr. S. F. Rassweiler and Dr. Betts, Methodists; Dr. Davies and Dr. J. E. Carver, Presbyterians; Rev. F. L. Moore, representing the Congregational Board, and the Rev. W. H. Kearns, representing the Presbyterian Board, were also present.

On motion it was resolved that the Episcopal Church be admitted to the Commission.

On motion it was resolved that this commission recommend to the Commission and Council to ask the Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Congregational to join in agreeing to the paper adopted by the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian for the adjustment of the present Comity problems in Utah.

On motion it was resolved that the Commission recommend that each denomination inform the secretary of their Board as to the fields the comity adjustments need to be made.

The Commission then considered the statement of principles in force in Colorado. These were amended in places and adopted as follows:-

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF UTAH
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMISSION.

1. A community being served by one or more evangelical denom-

ations should not be entered by any other denomination through its official agencies without consent from the Commission.

2. A feeble church should be revived if possible, rather than a new one established to become its rival.

3. The preference of the evangelical element of a community should always be respected by the Commission.

4. These denominations having churches nearest at hand should, other things being equal, be recognized as in the most advantageous position to encourage and aid a new enterprise in their vicinity. This is to be so interpreted as to preserve the balance between.efficiency and economy of administration.

5. Temporary suspension of church work by any denomination occupying a field, should not be considered sufficient warrant in itself for entrance into that field by another denomination. The Commission to determine what temporary suspension means.

6/ When it is clearly evident to the Commission that a community is overchurched, the principle of affiliating the weaker church or churches, and of consolidating the entire Christian population in fewer and stronger churches, should be encouraged.

7. All cases of friction between different denominations or churches of different denominations , shall be referred to the Commission. It shall have power to constitute such advisory Committee as may be found necessary.

8. All questions of interpretation of foregoing statements shall be referred for decision to the Commission.

9. No permanent work shall be established in an unoccupied field without consulting and gaining the consent of the Commission.

10/ Nothing in this statement of Principles is to be taken to preclude other denominations from holding occasional services in a field already held by any denomination.

On motion it was resolved that the president of the Commission have power to call a meeting of the Commission at any time. Due notice of such meeting to be sent to each member at least ten days before the date of the meeting and such notice to state the cause for which the meeting is called.

On motion it was resolved that $ 50 be asked from each denomination for the support of the Bible Study Institute during the coming year. (This was later modified.)

On motion it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the church to canvass the whole situation and suggest to the Home Missions Council subjects on which tracts should be written for use in Utah. Said tracts when written to be submitted to the Commission for their consideration and, if approved, to be put forth with the imprimatur of the Commission.

Dr. Carver, Bishop Jones, Dr. Betts were appointed as the Committee.

On motion it was resolved that the Chairman of this Commission with Dr. Carver and Dr. Rass weiler be a Committee to draw up a paper covering the whole matter of colporteur work in Utah and present it to the Home Missions Council. This Committee is also to seek the active co-operation of the whole Council.

On motion it was resolved that the secretary of the Commission furnish members thereof with a copy of the Minutes of this meeting.

On motion it was resolved that we recommend to the Home Missions council that some Evangelist be secured who, as a missionary proposition can be sent into the field here for a few months at least.

On motion it was reslved that each denomination be asked for $100.00 for the support of the Bible Institute and incidental expenses of the Commission and Council during the coming year; this amount to include $50.00 asked for by a previous resolution of this meeting.

On motion the Commission adjurned to meet with the Council at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday Nov. 23rd, 1915.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION AND COUNCIL.

The meeting was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah on Nov. 23, 1915, and was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by Dr. G. E. Davies. After devotional exercises permanent officers were elected as follows:

Chairman, Dr. G. E. Davies, Salt Lake City.
Secretary, W. H. Bowler, Boise, Idaho.

The denominations concerned presented lists of those elected to serve on the Commission as follows:

BAPTIST-L. S. Bowerman. E. D. Hammond.

CONGREGATIONAL-Frank L. Moore. P. L. Simpkins.

EPISCOPAL-Paul Jones. S. R. Colladay.

METHODIST-Will A. Betts. G. F. Rassweiler.

PRESBYTERIAN-C. E. Davies. J. E. Carver.

All of the above were present some of the time during the day.

The same lists gave the names of those elected to serve on the Council as follows:

BAPTIST-Geo. F. Lowe, I. H. Masters, Mrs. E. Ben Brown.Ben L. Corum.

CONGREGATIONAL-Ludwig Thomson, Godwin Merrill, Frank Brainerd.

EPISCOPAL-J. H. Dennis, W. W. Fleetwood, W. W. Reese, W. F. Bulkley.

METHODIST-E. E. Mork, D. E. Carter, Martin Thomas, Edw. Laird Mills.

PRESBYTERIAN-W. M. Paden, Wildman Murphy, C. H. Hamilton, A. F. Wittenberger.

At the request of I. H. Masters, J. C. Clark was enrolled as his proxy. All of the above were present some of the time during the day except Geo. F. Lowe, Ben L. Corum and F. L. Brainerd.

Considerable time was occupied in discussing the meaning of

several words and sentences in artiàles I. and II. of the Utah Plan. By separate votes interpretation of the uncertain points was decided as follows:

1. That there be two representatives from each denomination on the Commission and four representatives from each denomination on the Council.

2. That ex-offico membership on the Commission gives the right to vote.

3. That "National Boards" means the separate Boards which are named in the preamble of the Utah Plan.

It was voted to take over the Inter-Mountain Bible Institue and provide for its continuance. A Committee to nominate a Committee on arrangements for the Bible Institute was appointed as followsL G. F. Rassweiler, F. L. Moore, S. R. Colladay, J. C. Clark, J. E. Carver. It was voted to call the attention of the National Boards to the provision that the expenses of the members attending the Bible Institute are to be provided for.

Voted to adjourn to meet as spparate bodies at 1:30 P. M. and in joint session at the call of the chair.

EVENING SESSION.

By call of the chair the session convened at 7:45 P. M. Prayer was offered. Committee on arrangements for Bible Institute was constituted as follows: G. E. Davies, W. A. Betts, L. S. Bowerman, Bishop Jones and Godwin Merrill. Date for Institute was referred to above committee with instructions to announce date early in spring. Minutes of the separate sessions of the Commission and Council were then read.

It was voted to request the Episcopal and Congregational bodies to concur in the plan adopted by the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Bodies. The secretary of the joint body was requested to prepare minutes of the joint and separate meetings and distribute them to all members and also send copies to the National Societies concerned. To meet the expense of this work the members were requested to pay twenty-five cents each. The sum of $4.50 was received by the Secretary. Adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

W. H. BOWLER. SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

Nov. 23, 1915. 1:30 P. M.

The Utah Workers' Council was convened by Wildman Murphy.

Election of permament officers was called for, resulting as follows:

Chairman, Edward Laird Mills.
Secretary, Arthur F. Wittenburger.

The roll of the members of the Council reads:

BAPTIST- J. C. Clark, acting for I. H. Masters, W. H. Bowler.

CONGREGATIONAL-Ludwig Thomson.

EPISCOPAL-W. W. Reese, W. F. Bulkley, J. H. Dennis.

METHODIST- Edward Laid Mills, E. E. Mork, D. E. Carter.

PRESBYTERIAN- W. M. Paden, Wildman Murphy, Chas. Hamilton, Arthur F. Wittenburger.

Not having been formally received into the Plan of Co-operative Advance by the joint session of Commission and Council the representatives from the Episcopal Church were seated as

corresponding members.

W. W. McKirahan of Mt. Pleasant, representing the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. was seated as a corresponding member.

The chairman read Section II of the "Utah Plan of Co-operative Advance" under which the Council labors, also a resolution entitled "Practical Comity" already adopted by the Utah Methodist Mission, the Baptist State Convention, subject to approval of the local congregations affected and the Presbyterian Synod.

It was reported by members of the three bodies that no reply had come to hand from the national secretaries, to whom this resolution had been committed for action.

By unanimous vote the Countil expressed its hearty commendation for the resolution and respectfully makes request of the secretaries for early action.

Upon moibon it was ordered that a committee be appointed to prepare an outline of a complete and accurate survey of the ecclesiastical conditions of the towns and cities of the state, and that the data gathered by this survey be presented to this Council as a basis for action. The chair appointed upon this committee:

W. W. Reese
W. H. Bowler
W. M. Paden.
D. E. Carter.

By common consent points of adjustment were named and denominational preferences indicated, W. H. Paden speaking for the Presbyterians, W. H. Bowler or the Baptists, E. Laird Mills for the Methodists, Ludwig Thomson for the Congregationalists and W. W. Reese for the Episcopalians. Upon motion it was ordered that

the survey be restricted for immediate report to the places mentioned as presenting questions of adjustment. Those places as agreed upon are:

Richfield
Ephraim
Helper
Logan
Tremonton
Eureka
Murray
Mammoth
Nephi
Payson
Spanish Fork
Brigham
Mt. Pleasant
Tooelle
Springville
Highland Boy
(American Fork
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(Orem

There was authorized a committee on Constitution and Principles of Federative Proceedure to consist of five members, one from each denomination, with E. Laird Mills as chairman. The chairman named the following members on this committee:

Ludwig Thomson
Wildman Murphy
W. F. Bulkley
J. C. Clark.

It was decided that when we adjourn it be to Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1916 at 10:00 A. M. at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, or in case of special need, at the call of the chairman.

After prayer by Ludwig Thomson adjournment was taken.

ATTEST:

Edward Laird Mills
CHAIRMAN.

Arthur F. Wittenburger
SECRETARY.

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BY E. G. L.
Also W Mr. McAfee 3/15

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Walter W. McKirahan, Ph. D., - - Principal

November 26, 1915

Miss Edith ~~Vera~~ Lier Long,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Long:

I attended the first joint meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council on Tuesday of this week. I have to report, however, that it was the sense of this meeting that the Woman's Board is not entitled to representation on the Council. They say, such was not contemplated in the original plan. There seemed to be some confusion about the meaning of "religious bodies," but it was decided that only each denomination doing work in Utah was entitled to representation on the Council, and the four members for the Presbyterian Church had been chosen by the Synod of Utah. It was the opinion, further, that a secretary of the Woman's Board could be an ex-efficio member of the Commission as provided for in section 1 of the constitution. I was the only one of the four, appointed by the Woman's Board, who attended the meeting and they extended to me, as the representative of the Woman's Board, the courtesy of the floor by making me a corresponding member for that meeting.

Very cordially yours,

W. W. McKirahan

Principal.

WWM/ML

December 3, 1915.

Mr. J. Ernest McAfee,
Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

You will remember the plan for the organization of the Utah missionary forces as reported by you perhaps a ~~number~~ of years ago after conference with missionary workers of various denominations in Utah. A paper from you outlining the organization of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council was received and approved by our Board in June of 1914.

Only one of our appointees for this year, Dr. Walter W. McKirihan, principal of the Watsatch Academy, at Mt. Pleasant, Utah, was in attendance upon the joint meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council in November. In a letter from him we have the following surprising statements:

> "I attended the first joint meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council on Tuesday of this week. I have to report, however, that it was the sense of this meeting that the Woman's Board is not entitled to representation on the Council. They say such was not contemplated in the original plan. There seemed to be some confusion about the meaning of 'religious bodies', but it was decided that only each denomination doing work in Utah was entitled to representation on the Council, and the four members for the Presbyterian Church had been chosen by the Synod of Utah. It was the opinion, further, that a secretary of the Woman's Board could be an ex-officio member of the Commission as provided for in section 1 of the Constitution. I was the only one of the four appointed by the Woman's Board who attended the meeting and they ex-

tended to me, as the representative of the Woman's Board, the courtesy of the floor by making me a corresponding member for that meeting."

We have no background which helps us to understand the situation. Can you enlighten us regarding it? We are sorry to have embarrassed Dr. McKirihan; but on the other hand if there is a misunderstanding and the Woman's Board of Home Missions is entitled to representation as the paper would seem expressly to indicate, and as was certainly your understanding when you asked that the Woman's Board take action and appoint its representatives, We shall be glad to have any suggestion from you as to how we shall take up the matter.

Cordially,

L/D

December 3, 1915.

Walter W. McKirihan, Ph.D.,
Wasatch Academy,
Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

My dear Dr. McKirihan:

Your letter of November seventeenth received last week, was followed this week by your letter of November twenty-sixth, indicating that your presence at the joint meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council developed the surprising situation that "it was the sense of this meeting that the Woman's Board is not entitled to representation on the Council."

We regret exceedingly any embarrassment which may have come to you in being asked to serve in this capacity. The papers which our Woman's Board of Home Missions passed upon a year ago last spring definitely indicated that the Woman's Board of Home Missions is entitled to the representation as is the Board of Home Missions. However, we appreciate your attendance upon the meeting and, if you will send the bill for your expenses in connection with it made out to Miss Dora M. Fish, she will send you a check to cover them.

I shall at once take up the question of the right of the Woman's Board to ~~the four~~ members in the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council in order that either we may withdraw from that organization, or else that the presence of our representatives there may be understood.

Thank you for passing on the "opinion" "that a secretary of the Woman's Board could be an ex-officio member of the Commission". This also is our understanding here, together with the fact that there should be two other members appointed on the Commission by our synodical society in Utah.

If there were any matters considered by the joint meeting of the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Missions Workers Council which would be of interest to our Board we shall welcome a report of them from you.

We appreciate the courtesy of those who were there in permitting you to sit as a corresponding member when it was their understanding that we had no right to any representation.

I shall advise you again when any conclusion has been reached either for or against this surprising decision which your letter reports.

Cordially,

L/D

E. G. L.

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Walter W. McKiraham, Ph. D., - - Principal

December 9, 1915

Miss Edith Grier Long,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Long:

I have your letter of December 3d and shall await with interest the decision on the matter of representation from the Woman's Board on the Utah Home Missions Workers Council. It seems quite clear to me from the wording of the preamble to the Constitution that the Woman's Board is entitled to such representation, but, of course, I know nothing of the "intention" of those who framed the original plan.

As to my expenses, I had to go to the City anyhow under the instructions of Superintendent Allaben and I charged the entire amount to my current expense account. The attendance upon the meeting did not increase the expense of the trip.

Most of the work of the joint meeting, referred to, was confined to organization and no matter of direct interest to the Woman's Board came up except the one already reported.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

W. W. McKiraham

Principal.

WWM/ML

E. C. L.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Memo for Miss Long:

Replying to yours of January twenty-eighth, I send the duplicate copy of the reports from Utah. I hope these will properly serve Mrs. Bennett.

I do not yet know who is the Chairman of the Home Mission Council's Committee on Cooperation in Utah. If it is Dr. Barnes, I will urge prompt action when I see him on the Panama trip.

January 31, 1916.

J. F. MacAfee

June 6th, 1916.

Rev. Lemuel C. Barnes, D.D.,
23 East 26th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Barnes:-

The question of the status of our Woman's Board of Home Missions in connection with the Utah Interdenominational Commission and the Utah Home Mission Workers Council, as you will recall, has been somewhat uncertain. From Mr. McAfee I learn that at the Home Missions Council's annual meeting in January our status was referred to "the Committee on Cooperative Advance in Utah". Has anything been done? Or any progress made toward reaching a conclusion? We are not seeking to push our rights but only to know the present situation. The last meeting of our Board before the summer takes place next week and it is desirable that we bring to the Board something definite regarding the matter at that time. If convenient to you, we shall be grateful for the latest information.

I notice from the minutes of the Home Missions Council's annual meeting that five hundred copies of the Report of the Utah Interdenominational Commission were ordered printed in pamphlet form for distribution. Would it be agreeable to have some of these copies for the officers of our Board and also for our workers in the field?

Desiring in the fullest way to cooperate to the largest results of constructive Protestant work in Utah, with appreciation,

Sincerely,

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THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY
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FIELD SECRETARY

NEW YORK, June 10th, 1916.

Miss Edith Grier Long,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Long:

I thank you for your favor of June 6th, asking me about the status of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the Utah plan of co-operation. I regret exceedingly that I am not able to give you any further light on the subject in season for your next Board meeting. I am, however, writing to the officers of the organizations in Utah asking them as to their understanding in the matter and I will communicate with you when I get word from them.

My guess is that if the Women's Boards are not duly recognized as a part of the plan it is from oversight rather than from deliberate purpose. If I am right in that guess the omission can be readily corrected.

I am guilty of negligence in not having attended to this matter before. I apologize for the same and thank you for the reminder. Let me say that it is no fault of Mr. McAfee that the matter did not receive attention before. I have a letter from him written January 10th, reminding me of the need of finding out.

Yours in cordial service,

L. C. Barnes

LCB/K

Field Secretary.

(Dictated by Dr.Barnes but signed in his absence)

June 10th, 1914.

The Very Rev. S. J. Colladay,
231 East First South Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Brother Colladay:

The original Utah plan provides in Section 1 that "a Secretary of each supporting national board shall be ex-officio a member of this Commission, and shall attend the meetings whenever practicable." Without stopping to look it up I remember further that it was provided that all the boards at work in Utah should be taken into counsel as to the adoption of the plan of co-operation and that the women's missionary societies were named in that connection. I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Long, General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, asking what is the status of their Board in connection with the Council. I am writing her as per enclosed copy of letter. Will you have the great kindness to inform both Miss Long and me as to how the matter stands?

Yours-in cordial service,

LCB/K Field Secretary.

(Dictated by Dr. Barnes but signed in his absence).

June 12th, 1916.

Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger, Secretary,
The Utah Home Mission Workers' Council,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Brother Wittenberger:

The original Utah plan provides in Section 1 that"a Secretary of each supporting national board shall be ex-officio a member of this Commission, and shall attend the meetings whenever practicable." Without stopping to look it up I remember further that it was provided that all the boards at work in Utah should be taken into counsel as to the adoption of the plan of co-operation and that the women's missionary societies were named in that connection. I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Long, General Secretary of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, asking what is the status of their Board in connection with the Council. I am writing her as per enclosed copy of letter. Will you have the great kindness to inform both Miss Long and me as to how the matter stands?

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Field Secretary.

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Philadelphia Pa.
June 21, 1916

Miss Edith G. Long
New York.

My dear Miss Long:—

Dr. Barnes, of the Baptist Board, has written asking me to write you of the status of the Women's Board in the Utah plan of interdenominational cooperation. I am afraid the whole matter is somewhat undetermined, at any rate I am quite hazy about it myself.

The rights of the Women's Boards have been discussed, but, so far as I remember, not fully determined. I expect to be in New York next week from Monday until Friday, and will make a point of calling on you at 156 Fifth ave., as I can tell you about it better than I can write.

Sincerely yours

J. R. Colladay

The Very Rev

Colladay
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Arthur J. Wittenberger
Stated Clerk
Ogden Presbytery

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E. G. L.

Logan, Utah, July 2, 1916.

Miss Edith Lee Long,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Long:-

Dr. L. C. Garner writes under date of June 12, asking me to write you as to the status of the Women's Board in connection with the Utah Workers' Council.

As the first joint session of the two bodies, commission and council, held Nov. 23, 1915, in an attempt to interpret the Utah Plan under which we were working we had none of the writers of the Plan with us. That we might set to work at once, we were compelled to formulate our own definitions. That portion of the minutes covering our action reads as follows:

"Considerable time was occupied in discussing the meaning of several words and sentences in Articles I & II of the Utah Plan. By separate votes interpretation

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2) That ex-officio membership on the Commission gives the right to vote.
3) That "National Boards" means the seperate Boards which are named in the preamble of the U.T. Plan.

my recollection is, that the necessity for at once proceeding to work, the uncertainty of what was the exact tho't behind the words of the Plan, the desire to maintain exact equality of representation to all the denominations, the inequality that would result from having varying numbers of constituent members e.g. from the Presbyterian or Baptist two and from the Congregational one -

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Logan, Utah,

that these were some of the reasons that lead us to decide as we did.
I am quite sure there was no hostility or studied slight in our action.
My impression is too that our first decision should ~~state~~ stand only until we had more light. Either Dr. Calladay Secy of the Commission or Dr. Bowler Secy of the Joint Bodies is entitled to convey all this to you officially and not I, as Secy of the Council. I have taken up the matter with these men and asked them to get all necessary data, that the question might be reopened and settled with satisfaction to all, at our August meeting.

Yours with cordial respect, sincerely,

A. F. Wittenberger.

(Copy)

Logan, Utah, July 2, 1916.

Dear Brother Barnes:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 12th.

In reply to your enquiry I am quoting from the "Minutes of the joint sessions of the Commission and Council" under date of Nov. 23, 1915, the first meeting: "Considerable time was occupied in discussing the meaning of several words and sentences in Articles I and II of the Utah plan. By separate notes interpretation of the uncertain points was decided as follows:

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My recollection is, that we did not know the exact mind of those who drew up the plan but were compelled to define terms in order to get down to business; that, as you have guessed, the omission of the Woman's Boards was not because of any hostile attitude toward their admission, but was with the desire to keep the balance of denominational representation. It seems to me that the difference of polity and organization that prevails in the denominations at work here, was the thing that finally decided us in our first and third definitions. My final impression is, that our decision was not necessarily binding for all time and does not preclude any change made necessary by a fuller revelation of the mind of the creators of the plan or by equity. Our one concern, in a word, was to be fair and to get busy at once.

I am writing Miss Edith Grier Long accordingly. I am also conferring with Dean Colladay, whose position as Secretary of the Commission I think entitles him to communicate all this to you and the other secretaries. I have not the Commission's minutes before me, so I cannot tell whether or not suchcommunication was sent.

Very cordially,

(Signed) A. F. Wittenberger,

Sec'y. Utah Home Missions Workers' Council.

AUG 8 - 1913

(Copy)

Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Brother Wittenberger:

I thank you for your letter of July 2nd and regret that we mislaid your address. It is now on file in such a way that we shall not be likely to lose it again, I trust.

thank you for the careful statement you make as to the situation and that you have written Miss Long about it. You say "That 'National Boards' means the separate Boards which are named in the preamble of the Utah Plan." I am not dictating at my office and have not a copy of the Utah Plan at hand, but if I remember rightly, the Women's Boards were named in that preamble. Therefore they are included by the action just named.

Yours in cordial service,

(Signed)L.C.Barnes

LCB/K Field Secretary.

(Dictated by Dr. Barnes but signed in his absence.)

(From Dr. Barnes' Office)

September 25, 1916.

The Very Rev. Samuel R. Colladay,
St. Mark's Deanery,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Bishop Colladay:

Upon my return from a brief absence in June, I was very sorry to learn of your call promised in your courteous note of June twenty-first, regarding the status of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in connection with the Utah Interdenominational Commission and Council. I would have been glad of the privilege to learn from you whatever you might have been pleased to say.

A letter from Mr. Wittenberger as Secretary of the Council and written in response to an inquiry from Dr. Barnes, conveyed to us actions taken by the Commission and the Council "in an attempt to interpret the Utah plan". When the Utah plan was proposed, the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. included the Woman's Board. Further, the representatives of the Board of Home Missions would also have represented the Woman's Board of Home Missions. More than a year ago however, by order of the General Assembly of our Church, the Woman's Board was made an independent Board. It does not desire representation to the embarrassment of the proper proportion of denominational representatives.

Unless the Woman's Board has recognition, one entire phase of Home Mission service in Utah is absolutely without a place in the Commission and the Council. We are not seeking to push our rights, but if we are to cooperate in the program which shall be outlined for the different Churches it would seem as though some representation would enable us more intelligently and helpfully to adjust our program and policies to those of the other Christian bodies at work in Utah.

We shall be glad to have from you information concerning the decision, which I understand from Mr. Wittenberger's letter is anticipated this fall.

With appreciation of your courtesy and enclosing a return stamped envelope for your convenience, I am in behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions,

Sincerely,

EGL/MJM.
Enclosure.

air than there is not much to give. I am sure Dr. Wulenberger will keep you posted.

Yours sincerely

S. R. Calladay

REC'D OCT 10 1916
ANS'D
BY

West Hartford
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Oct. 9, 1916

My dear Miss Long:—
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November 17, 1916.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

On my return from several weeks en route among synodical societies, I find a letter under date of October ninth from Bishop Colladay of Utah, from which I quote the following:

> "Within the last month I have left Utah for good, so automatically resigning my place as Secretary of the Committee. Having therefore no particular part nor lot in the matter of Utah's problems, though still retaining a lively interest in them, I do not feel that I can undertake to try to answer your letter of September 25th.
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> I was very sorry to miss you in June; but I doubt if I could have given you much information as the matter is so much in the air that there is not much to give. I am sure Dr. Wittenberger will keep you posted."

I find no letter from Mr. Wittenberger and wonder whether you have word which would indicate the status of the Women's Board in connection with the Interdenominational Commission and Council in Utah. We do not want to be "butters-in", but since we are in the field, we did want to cooperate and to cooperate intelligently.

As perhaps Mrs. McAfee may have hinted to you, my pilgrimage led me through Missouri where I had a delightful time and heard much of Park College and you and met Mrs. S. L. McAfee greatly to my pleasure, together with other people whom you doubtless know.

It was rather interesting to be in Ft. Dodge at the same time you were. "So near and yet so far!"

Cordially,

EGL/MJM.

REC'D NOV 21 1916
ANS'D
BY

T. G. L.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 21, 1916.

Miss E. G. Long,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Long:

Yours of November seventeenth is just at hand. I am considerably disturbed that nothing is done to relieve the situation in Utah. I am taking the matter up again with Dr. Barnes. I personally am helpless since I am no longer a member of that committee.

I heard of the good meetings you were holding at Fort Dodge. I chanced to meet Mrs. Clokey on the street. I had my nose close to the grindstone there.

Very sincerely yours,

J. R. McAfee

December 1, 1916

Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Brother Wittenberger:

Under date of July 2nd you wrote me as follows:

> "That 'National Boards' means the separate Boards, which are named in the preamble of the Utah plan."
>
> "I am writing Miss Edith Grier Long accordingly."

I am in receipt of a letter from the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, under date of Nov. 21st, saying that Miss Long has not yet heard from you on the matter. Possibly some communication has slipped thru a crevice in mail service. If it has will you have the kindness to send to her a duplicate of what you wrote, or some other communication which will help clarify the situation.

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to Mr. McAfee in answer to his inquiry, which gives my understanding of your action. However, it is highly desirable that the Woman's Board have the statement directly from your hand.

Yours in cordial service,

LCB/STK

Field Secretary

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NEW YORK, December 1, 1916

Rev. J. E. McAfee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother McAfee:

Your letter of November 21st is at hand concerning Mr. Wittenberger's failure to communicate with your Woman's Board. I enclose herewith a copy of what he said under date of July 2nd and also copy of letter which I am writing to him today on the matter.

You will note Mr. Wittenberger says that "'National Baords' means the separate boards which are named in the preamble of the Utah Plan". By referring to page 129 of the Home Missions Council Annual Report for 1915, you will see that "The Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church U.S.A." is named in that preamble. So far as I can see, therefore, the case is a clear one that they are understood to be members of the body.

Yours in cordial service,

L. C. Barnes

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Field Secretary

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 2, 1916

Memo. for Miss Long

The enclosed correspondence just at hand, prompted by your recent inquiry. Perhaps you have heard from Mr. Wittenberger. You doubtless will do so soon, if you have not already heard.

The statement seems to me clear. It was definitely understood that the Women's Boards, and particularly those named in the Plan, should be entitled to full representation in the cooperative bodies under the Utah Plan.

J. R. McAfee

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DULUTH, MINN.,

December 19, 1916.

Mr. J. E. McAfee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. McAfee:

Thank you for the privilege of reading the letter of Mr. Wittenberger under date of December ninth. (to Dr. Barnes, similar to his of Dec 8th to EGL)

When you have time to enjoy a comedy of errors, the contradictory statements presented by the correspondence at my desk, by different individuals, who have at one time or another had to do with the working out of the Utah plan, may amuse you.

I hope the promised letter from Dr. Mills may be the key to unlock the door, as yet unopened.

I do appreciate the part that you, Dr. Barnes, Bishop Colladay and Mr. Wittenberger have all taken to elucidate the mystery.

Yours hopefully,

EGl.MJM.

(Letter returned with this note, as asked.)

December 20th 1916

Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger,
Logan, Utah.

My dear Mr. Wittenberger:-

Thank you for your courteous letter of December eleventh regarding the status of the Woman's Board in the Utah missionary organization of Protestant workers. I shall await with interest the receipt of the letter which you say should come officially from the Rev. E. Laird Mills, D.D., President of the Council.

Our correspondence regarding that situation shows one letter received from you last July, which you wrote at that time at Dr. Barnes' prompting, as also you did the letter of December eighth. In the July letter you indicated that you wrote:

"Considerable time was occupied (November twenty-third, 1915) in discussing the meaning of several words and sentences in Articles I and II of the Utah plan. By separate votes interpretation of the uncertain points was decided as follows:

1. That there be two representatives from each denomination on the Council.

2. That ex-officio membership on the Commission gives the right to vote.

3. That "National Boards" means the separate Boards which are named in the preamble of the Utah plan."

A call from Bishop Colladay came also in June at a time when I was not in my office, but he left the word that the matter was held over till fall. The last of September I wrote to him reminding him that we were interested in this pending decision and asking what was done; to which he replied under date of November ninth, that within the last month he had left Utah permanently, and so had resigned as Secretary of the Commission - "though still retaining a lively interest in it". He expressed regret at having missed me in June, adding "but I doubt if I could have given you much information. As the mat-

ter is so much in the air there was not much to give. I am sure Mr. Wittenberger will keep you posted."

The statement of "3" from your letter in connection with "1" may definitely have given the Woman's Board of Home Missions the right to a place in the Commission and the Council.

Please note the following from Dr. Barnes' letter of December sixteenth to Mr. McAfee, quoting from a letter from you:

> ""You will note Mr. Wittenberger says that " 'National Boards' means the separate boards which are named in the preamble of the Utah Plan." By referring to page 129 of the Home Missions Council Annual Report for 1915, you will see that "The Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church U.S.A." is named in that preamble. So far as I can see, therefore, the case is a clear one that they are understood to be members of the body.""

This would lead one to suppose that there had been no problem at all. The complication comes not in the original statement, which is what Dr. Barnes quotes as from you. However, it was this original statement which was questioned by the meeting of the Utah Commission and Council, to which the Woman's Board appointed its representatives in the autumn of 1915, where they were not accepted, their status being a matter of discussion pending the interpretation of the original phrasing of the plan. This may not have been a problem at first, inasmuch as when the plan was prepared the Woman's Board was a part of the Board of Home Missions. The representatives of the Woman's Board and the Board of Home Missions would now give twice as many Presbyterian representatives in the Commission and the Council. We understood that the basis of the discussion was occasioned by the fear lest the admission of the representatives of the Woman's Board would occasion a too large a number of Presbyterians in proportion to the representatives from other denominations. So you see why we are still waiting for light.

I am sorry to know that the Utah forces have lost your presence and leadership. I have to congratulate you, however, on the position which your letterhead shows you now occupy, and I am glad to have this opportunity of extending our best wishes for you in your new work.

I wonder whether since your coming to Duluth you have happened to know the Rev. W. W. Lawrence, D.D., pastor of the Glen Avon Presbyterian Church? It was a great privilege to share some of the devotional studies which Dr. La wrence gave to

the North Dakota Synod and have his presence at the Synodical meetings. If you should chance to have convenient opportunity I will be glad to have you remember me to him. And so with the greetings of the season, believe me

Cordially,

EGL/LBW

UTAH - CO-OPERATIVE WORK - PLAN TO PROMOTE.

Mrs. Gildersleeve read a communication from Mr. J. E. McAfee, Secretary of the conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 9-10, 1914, convened by the Home Missions Council for the purpose of adjusting religious work in Utah interdenominationally, which communication presented the following plan, with the request that the Woman's Board approve of the same:

"I. There shall be a Utah Interdenominational Commission, composed of two persons appointed by the state organization officially representing each religious body co-operating, only those being eligible to membership who are not receiving salary or other grant from any supporting Board. A Secretary of each supporting national Board shall be ex officio a member of this Commission, and shall attend the meetings whenever practicable. The Commission shall hold at least one stated meeting each year, when general policies of co-operative work in the state shall come under advisement, sums to be used in the co-operative work shall be determined, and such other duties shall be discharged as are herein proposed or as shall be jointly assigned by the co-operating religious bodies and their several national Home Mission Boards.

II. There shall be a Utah Home Missions Workers Council, composed of four workers chosen by each religious body co-operating. This Council shall hold not less than two stated meetings each year. It shall promote co-operative work in the field, advise in the adjustment of difference, arrange for the effective use of funds assigned to the co-operative budget, and increase by all practicable means the efficiency of the work of all the co-operating agencies throughout the state. This Council shall perform other duties herein proposed or later assigned by mutual agreement of the co-operating agencies.

III. There shall be an Annual Utah Workers Institute of three or more days' duration. The program and general direction of the Institute shall be in charge of the Commission and Council, and shall be of an educational character designed to inspire and train workers for efficient service. Each ordained minister, mission

school teacher, or other worker may be enrolled as a member of the Institute. It is agreed that his or her necessary expenses of attendance upon the Annual Meeting should be paid and by such methods as each denomination may adopt.

IV. The Annual Meeting of the Commission and one of the semi-annual meetings of the Council shall be held at the place and immediately preceding the date of the Annual Workers Institute and one or more joint sessions of Commission and Council shall be held. Action of the Council affecting established Home Mission politics, enlargement of co-operative budgets, or the relations of denominations shall be undertaken only after the concurrence of the Commission.

V. It is agreed that this plan does not contemplate the curtailing of denominational autonomy, nor encroach upon the prerogative of the ecclesiastical bodies co-operating, except as herein provided, or as such and all may later agree.

VI. The support and supervision of denominational work shall be provided for by the recognized agencies of each religious body co-operating, it being contemplated that denominational initiative and enterprise shall be increased, the fullest economy and efficiency of each being gained by co-operation.

Moved by Mrs. R. C. Tillinghast, seconded by Miss A. M. Alward, that the recommendations be approved. Carried.

February 28, 1917.

Rev. E. Laird Mills, D.D.,
Utah.

My dear Dr. Mills:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church is somewhat at a loss regarding the place which it occupies in connection with the Interdenominational organization of Protestant workers in Utah. Doubtless you have the full history of the situation.

A letter from the Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger, under date of December 8, 1916, said that we would presently hear from you. As no word has yet come, I am taking the liberty of calling the matter to your attention.

Sincerely,

EGL/LMM.

March 1, 1917.
(Dict. February 28)

Rev. Arthur F. Wittenberger,
927 East Seventh Street,
Duluth, Minn.

My dear Mr. Wittenberger:

In your letter of December 8th, 1916, regarding the relation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to the interdenominational organizations in Utah, you said we would presently hear from the Rev. E. Laird Mills, D.D., the president of the Utah Home Missions Workers Council.

Up to date no communication has been received. I am today closing my work as General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and wish to leave everything in order. I have written a letter to Dr. Mills, but we are unable to locate him and shall be grateful if you will forward to him the enclosed letter, which I am so bold as to send him in your care.

Please count us not impatient, but only seeking the final information in this long continued story.

Sincerely,

EGL/MJM.
Enclosure.

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REV. ARTHUR F. WITTENBERGER, SUPT.
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DULUTH, MINN., Dec. 6. 1917

Miss Edith Gier Lung.
Gen'l Secy W.B.H.M.
1567 Fifth Ave.
New York. N.Y.

My dear Miss Lung:—

As requested I am forwarding your letter to E. Laird Mills D.D. of Lockbox 6. Salt Lake City. I wrote him early in December [illegible] I can not understand why you have not heard from him. I regret deeply that things pertaining to that excellent cooperative Plan in Utah should be so unsettled as I hamper the work perhaps. I trust you will feel free to command me, if I can be of any further service on behalf of the ~~[illegible]~~ mission which has my prayer and sympathy.

Sincerely A. F. Wittenberger.

(COPY)

MEMORANDUM for Miss Sheibley.
from Miss Long.

In re Utah Plan.

Please see Minutes of Woman's Board Executive Committee, June 9, 1914, pages 2 and 3.

1. Note that, in "I", the "Utah Interdenominational Commission" included originally "two persons appointed by the state organization officially representing each religious body cooperating" - etc. On the basis of our Woman's Board being a religious body cooperating, we had anticipated two members from our Utah Synodical organization would be eligible.

Also, (Note "II"), that the Woman's Board would have four Utah representatives on the Utah Home Missions Workers' Council.

2. Notice (a) that the interpretation of "each religious body cooperating" as meaning "denomination", if worked out as Dr. Mills' letter suggests, ex sets from our Woman's Board - since its incorporation a body separate from the Board of Home Missions of which it was formerly a part - no share in the Commission unless the general secretary "happens to be in Utah when the Commission meets". It would seem to me possible, in a tactful way, to secure a woman as one of the two Presbyterian representatives on the Commission, if this be deemed desirable for the sake of sharing in the making of plans which the Council is to carry out.

Notice (b) that the men elect all four of the Presbyterian representatives on the Council; and that the Woman's Board is represented only because one of the four thus chosen is a worker under the Woman's Board. Here, again, I believe a diplomatic handling of the situation might win for our Woman's Board the right to choose two of the four Presbyterians on the Council.

From Minutes of Woman's Board Executive Committee,
June 9, 1914.

PLAN TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE WORK IN UTAH

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"VI. The support and supervision of denominational work shall be provided for by the recognized agencies of each religious body cooperating. It being contemplated that denominational initiative and enterprise shall be increased, the fullest economy and efficiency of each being gained by cooperation."

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ANS'D
REC'D MAR 1917
BY

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 13th, 1917.

Miss Edith Grier Long,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Long:-

Your letter of February 28th is just received, as I have been away from home. The Interdenominational Commission and Council in Utah held its midyear meeting today, and I presented your letter at a joint meeting of the two bodies. The Commission is the body which determines the policies of Interdenominational co-operation. Its membership is composed of a general secretary from each of the supporting boards, and two representatives from each denomination on the field. These, however, being restricted to men not receiving any part of their salary from the Boards. Thus the Commission is practically restricted to the pastors of self supporting churches in the state and such board representatives as happen to be present. The Women's Boards are included in this provision, and any general secretary who happens to be in Utah when the Commission meets is a member thereof ex-officio and also entitled to vote.

The Council is composed of the workers on the field, four from each denomination. These apply the policies adopted by the Commission to specific situations. Specific provision for the representation of women's boards in the council has not been made and cannot well be made without disturbing the denominational equilibrium. The synod of Utah has solved the problem by electing as one of its four representatives to the Council Mr. W. W. McKirahan, a laymen in the employ of the Woman's Board, and I have little doubt that the Methodists who now have a vacancy in their four will fill it by electing some one affiliated with the Woman's work of our church in Utah. This will give adequate representation to the Woman's work in the Interdenominational ~~cities~~.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I am, with best wishes

Yours cordially,

Edward Laird Mills.

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BY

Wasatch Academy
Mt. Pleasant, Utah
Conducted by the
Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Walter W. McKirahan, Ph. D., - - Principal

March 15, 1917

Send copy, Mr. A.

Miss Edith Grier Long,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Long:

Referring to our correspondence sometime ago in regard to representation of the Woman's Board on the Utah Home Mission Workers' Council, the Synod of Utah has adjusted the matter in what seems to them as well as to the Commission and Council, the most satisfactory way, by electing me as one of the four members of the Council from the Presbyterian Church, it being understood that I am to represent the Woman's Board. The Methodist church is confronted with the same situation and they will meet it in the same way. I trust that this arrangement will be satisfactory to you. I attended a meeting of the Council in Salt Lake on Tuesday of this week and am enclosing a statement of my expenses.

I do not have a copy of the constitution before me, but it is my recollection that it at least recommends that the co-operating bodies in the Council and Commission pay the expenses of those commissioned by them while attending the Annual Bible Conference. The Board of Home Missions did something along this line last year and I would urge that the Woman's Board, if possible, take some steps to make it possible for all the mission teachers in this region to attend this Conference. The name was changed by the recent meeting of the Council and Commission to the Inter-Mountain Christian Workers' Conference and the purpose is to make the annual meeting much more practical and valuable for the mission teachers.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

W. W. McKirahan

Principal.

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